

God's desire is to liberate his people so that they fulfill their holy destiny. Liberation is at the heart of our Scriptures—a freedom that will liberate us from worldly anxieties and concerns, and from all that might hinder us in fulfilling our holy mission. Listening to and obeying God's Word prevents us from hardening our hearts and distancing ourselves from his presence in our lives.

In the first reading, the Lord promises Israel that he will raise up a new prophet, one who will speak with his authority, Paul urges the Corinthians to remain free of worldly anxieties. In Mark's Gospel, it is the unclean spirit that recognizes Jesus' true identity and responds to His commands.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES—

Congratulations to those celebrating a wedding anniversary during the month of February:

Feb. 1 ~ Forest & Pat Rabalais, 54 years

Feb. 5 ~ Charles & Nancy Affeltranger, 52 years

Feb. 10 ~ Matt & Allison Byrnes, 11 years

Feb. 12 ~ Lance & Lori Moresi, 24 years

Feb. 14 ~ Steve & Barbara Brown, 4 years

Feb. 15 ~ Ray & Carol Dickens, 58 years

Feb. 17 ~ Gene & Linda Dupuis, 50 years

Feb. 26 ~ Ed & Pat DeSoto, 57 years

“Enjoy life with the wife whom you love...”

Eccl. 9:9

ST. BLAISE BLESSING OF THROATS—will be held next weekend, February 3/4, following Mass. A general blessing will be done, and an individual blessing offered. Memorial of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, is Saturday, Feb. 3rd.

MASS INTENTION REQUESTS—If you would like a Mass offered in honor of or in memory of someone, please call the church office. The usual stipend is \$5 per Mass. The sanctuary lamp can be burned one week for a loved one or an intention. Donation is \$5.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS—Federal tax laws require that donors receive written acknowledgement of charitable contributions totaling \$250 or more before they can be claimed on tax returns. If you need a 2017 yearly statement of your donations to Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, please call the church office before January 31st.

FLOWERS—If you would like to donate fresh flowers for the altar in honor or in memory of someone, please call the office. The cost for two arrangements is \$110.00.

CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED—Tuesday, January 30th, until 1:00 p.m.

IHM YOUTH GROUP MEETING—will be held this Sunday, January 28, following the 11 a.m. Mass, in Allen Hall. Lunch included!



Vigil (4 p.m.) Gage LaVallie,
Johnston & Pelletier families
Sun. (9 a.m.) Trey Brown
Dian McCallister
(11 a.m.) All People
Mon. Fr. Gerard M. Foley
Tues. No Mass
Wed. Special Intention Pat Rabalais
Thurs. Guy Snow
Fri. Ruby Primeaux

Mass intentions next weekend: Vigil (4 p.m.) - Briahna Gorden Intention; Sun. (9a.m) - Michelle Babineaux and Michael Shane Ryland, Aldon and Louis Granger, James Begnaud; Sun. (11:00 a.m.) - All people.

SANCTUARY LAMP WILL BURN—this week in memory Catherine Flagler. Please remember her in your prayers.

FLOWERS ARE DONATED—by Claudette Johnston, in memory of her husband, Jim Johnston. Please remember him in your prayers.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE—Eunice Bailey, sister of Clyde (Mary) Todd; and, Mira Wilkerson, sister of Mona (Paul) Robertson. We offer our sympathy and extend our prayers to their family and friends.

TASTE OF MARDI GRAS—sponsored by IHM Youth Group, will be held Sunday, February 4th, 12 noon - 1:30 p.m., Allen Hall. Please bring a Cajun dish to feature! Donation: \$6 plate. Come & enjoy a sampling of various tastes of Louisiana, and visit with your parish family! Thank you for your continued support of our youth!

OFFERTORY GIFTS:

Regular collection: \$3,680.00
2nd collection: Latin America
Allen Hall roof fund: \$26,060.00
Thank you for your generosity!

SICK LIST - Nancy Affeltranger, Kelly Allen, Ernie Babineaux, Leah Baden, Dorothy Barrios, Jeanie Basco, Loretta Beebe, Sherri Bennett, Emma Benoit, Ed & Rosemary Bonial, Roland Boudreaux, Aaron Boyt, Donald Brouillette, Syble Brouillette, Louis Brunett, Jennie Buckowski, Joyce & Ray Burge, Kylie Bush, Rita Cantu, Lily Ceasar, DeeDee Chrobus, Lebo Clark, Rusty Cutler, Susan Degeyter, James Deslatte, John Deslatte, Sophie Douzat, Catherine Dupray, Doug Fairchild, Marie Finley, Evelyn Hare, Carolyn Hernandez, Bishop Ronald Herzog, Carmen Hively, Pam Hogue, Mo Hoyal, Jane Hulin, Ellis & Iva Isom, Danny Johnson, Jared Johnson, Audrey Kelley, Stacy Kerry, Mike Killian, Shelly Larrieu, Stephanie Larrieu, Greg LeJeune, Mary Mantipty, Jimmy Mayeaux, James Michiels, Jr., Willie Milam, Annette Moreau, John Musgrove, Paul Nugent, Abel Pacheco, Mary Perschy, Kelsye Peterman, Frances Philpot, Sonny Pittmon, Rose Quatrevingt, Judy Rechs, Alma Reitzell, Mark Reitzell, Bill Riggs, Carol Rose, Joyce Santos, Maddox Sasser, Paul Schmidt, Ann Sellers, Gene Snow, Dean Soileau, Angie Tarinton, Norma Thomas, Nick Tullier, Mandy Vanderlick, Artis & Verla White, Grace Zauberber, Residents at Tioga Manor Nursing Home.



MASS HYMNS

are in the missal,

#732, “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

#400, “You are The Healing”

410, “Christ Before Us.”

SUPPORT YOUR PARISH! SIGN UP FOR EFT!- E.F.T. (Electronic Fund Transfer) is a simple and easy way to make regular offertory contributions by having your donations drafted from your checking or savings account, or credit card, on a regular and consistent basis. Your donation will be recorded in your parish contribution record as it always has been. In addition, you will see the debit amount and date of debit reflected on your monthly statement. This method is a convenient way to consistently remember your church's life and ministry. This method also helps the church by ensuring that our home parish is not forgotten when the summer months draw families away for vacation. It is our hope that you would prayerfully consider making your generous gift by using this convenient method. You may indicate Regular collection, Improvement fund, or both. If you would like to participate in the EFT program, please stop by or call the church office and request the *Authorization for recurring gifts form*. Return the form to the church office or place it in the collection basket.

Regular Schedule

Office Hours

Monday – Thursday, 8:30 a.m. – 12 noon & 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Facebook at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

Weekend Masses: (ext. 1)

Saturday Vigil, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Confessions:

20 minutes prior each weekend

Mass or by appointment

Marriages:

Pre-marital preparation takes

several months. Call Father

6 months before marriage

Religious Education Classes:

Kn – 5th: Wed. 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

6th – 12th: Wed., 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

****Classes began August 16th****

Ladies Altar Society:

2nd Thursday, 9:00 a.m.

Allen Hall

Tioga Manor Nursing Home:

Communion Service, 10:00 a.m.

1st Thursday of each month

(Subject to change)** (especially during flu season) ** (Subject to change)

Weekday Masses: (ext. 1)

Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri.,

8:00 a.m. (No Tues. Mass)

Baptisms:

By appointment

Please call office to schedule

New Parishioners:

Welcome to IHM Parish!

Please call the office to

register.

R.C.I.A. (Adult Inquiry Classes):

Tuesday, 6:00—7:30 p.m.

Allen Hall

****Classes began August 22nd****

Knights of Columbus # 9753:

First Monday, 7:00 p.m.

KC Hall, Birkland Drive

Mass at Tioga Manor Nursing Home:

All are invited – 10:00 a.m.

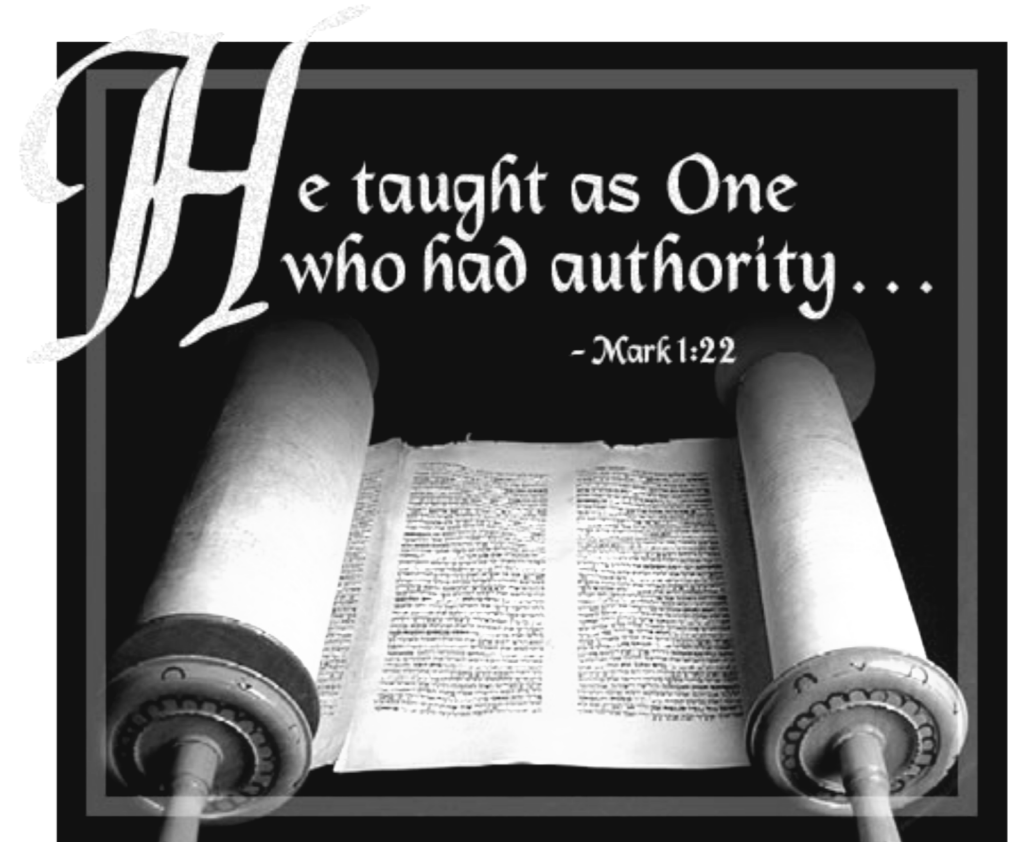
4th Thursday of each month

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